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- To provide consultancy to private and public sector organisations in order to support their efforts for protecting the Environment and for policy-making.
- To promote co-operation among various stakeholders at local, national and international levels.

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